

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to designate pumpkin pie as a symbol of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, a symbol of the harvest often eaten during the fall and winter months and the traditional dessert at Thanksgiving, pumpkin pie is an iconic American delicacy; and

WHEREAS, pumpkin pie can be traced back to the days of the early American colonists who were introduced to the fruit by Native Americans; pumpkin was an indigenous fruit to the Americas and was used by Native Americans in a variety of ways, including as a food source; and

WHEREAS, pumpkin pie recipes have been found in seventeenth-century English cookbooks and a century later began to appear in American cookbooks; initially, pumpkin pie was prepared by stuffing the pumpkin with apples, spices, and sugar, then baking it whole; and

WHEREAS, today, to make a pumpkin pie, the pulp of the pumpkin is mixed with eggs, evaporated and/or sweetened condensed milk, and sugar and is typically flavored with nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and ginger; and

WHEREAS, a true American classic, it is most appropriate that we select the delicious and wholesome pumpkin pie as a symbol of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate pumpkin pie as a symbol of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.